

## ***Water Use***

Chapter 281 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires annual reporting to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) of monthly withdrawals from all wells and surface water withdrawal systems capable of supplying water at a rate of 100,000 gallons per day or more. This includes water uses such as public supply systems, energy production, paper manufacturing and agricultural irrigation. Reporting data is spatially located such that inquiries can be customized to specific locations, withdrawal types and water uses. The annual collection of these reports facilitates understanding of spatial and temporal trends in water withdrawals.

Results from 2014 reporting show that the largest category of groundwater withdrawals was municipal public water supplies, accounting for 98 billion gallons in 2014, a increase of 6% from 2013 (WDNR 2015). The second largest category of groundwater withdrawal in the state was agricultural irrigation, totaling 77 billion gallons-a decrease of 24% from 2013.

### Reference:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. 2015. Wisconsin Water Use – 2014 Reported Withdrawals. Technical Memo. 8p.